REMARKS

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed

June 10, 2003. Claims 4-45 are pending in the current application.

I. Summary of the Examiner's Rejections

Claims 38, 41 and 44 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as containing

subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably

convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed,

had possession of the claimed invention.

Claims 4-37, 39, 40, 42, 43 and 45 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being

unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,148,260 to Musk et al. ("Musk, et al.") in view of U.S.

Patent No. 5,543,789 to Behr et al. ("Behr, et al.").

II. Remarks

A. Rejection of Claims 38, 41 and 44 Under 35 U.S.C. §112, First Paragraph

Claims 38, 41 and 44 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as containing

subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably

convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed,

had possession of the claimed invention. In particular, Claims 38, 41 and 44, added by way of

amendment in the April 23, 2003 Response to Office Action, each recite in part that, "said

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remote access server obtains said data from said base device ... via at least one request initiated

by said base device."

Applicant respectfully submits that support exists in the current application as filed.

However, the current application incorporates by reference a copending application entitled

METHOD AND APPRATUS FOR A SECRUE REMOTE ACCESS SYSTEM, filed July 19,

2000, having attorney docket number MONG-00-002 (referred to herein as the "002

Application"). The 002 Application provides additional and express support for the claim

limitations in question. The current application has been amended to expressly recite portions of

the 002 Application relating to the remote access server obtaining data from the base device via

at least one request initiated by the base device, as well as other features of the base device.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application, both prior to and after

amendment, provides support for the invention recited in Claims 38, 41 and 44 sufficient to

comply with 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. It is therefore respectfully requested that the

rejection on these grounds be withdrawn.

B. Rejection of Claims 4-36 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 4-37, 39, 40, 42, 43 and 45 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being

unpatentable over Musk, et al. in view of Behr, et al. Applicant respectfully traverses the

rejection as follows.

Musk, et al. teaches a network accessible service that integrates both a business directory

and a map database. Col. 1, lines. 32-34. User computer system 1 interfaces over Internet link

14 to software and database central server system 16. Col. 2, lines. 16-19, Fig. 1. A user

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initiates a search request to server 16. Server 16 performs the search and generates a map that is

sent to the user. Col. 2, lines. 58-62, Fig. 3.

Behr, et al. teaches a method of providing route guidance information to a mobile unit in

response to a request from the mobile unit. Col. 2, lines. 50-52. System 10 includes unit 12 and

a plurality of remote units arranged to communicate with unit 12. Col. 5, line. 66 - col. 6, line.

2, Fig. 1. Third party integrator 80 in system 10 provides additional data for responding to

queries from a mobile unit. The additional data is preferably received from other information

providers, illustrated in Figure 1 as functional block 82. The additional data may be supplied

from external sources to unit 12 via any known data communication network. Col. 9, lines. 47-

55.

Each of the rejected claims recites a method for servicing requests generated by an

individual for geographic information including the steps of receiving a request at a remote

access server from a remote access device, wherein:

said request calls for said remote access server to obtain data from a base

device owned, operated and/or controlled by the individual, and

said base device is operatively coupled for communication with said

remote access server via a network.

None of the cited references, taken alone or in combination with each other, teaches or suggests

these expressly claimed limitations.

Musk, et al. provides no teaching or suggestion that the user's request calls for the server

to obtain data from a base device as recited that is operatively coupled for communication with

the server via a network, as required by claims 4, 17, and 29. The Examiner has acknowledged

this shortcoming in Musk, et al. See Office Action mailed June 10, 2003, p. 3.

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Nor does Behr, at al. provide a teaching or suggestion of the above-cited limitations.

Behr, at al. teaches that base unit 12 may obtain information from a functional block 82, which

may be "on-line yellow pages information or traffic advisory information." (Col. 9, lines 47-48).

However, there is no teaching or suggestion that a mobile unit's request to the server for

geographic information calls for the server to obtain data from a base device as recited in the

claims. Moreover, there is no teaching or suggestion of a server capable of accessing a base

device which is owned, operated and/or controlled by the individual requesting the geographic

information as recited in the claims.

All claim limitations are significant, and must be given weight and effect vis-à-vis the

patentability of the claims. Application of Saether, 492 F.2d 849, 852 (C.C.P.A. 1974). If even a

single claim limitation is not taught or suggested by the prior art, then that claim cannot be

obvious over the prior art. Application of Glass, 472 F.2d 1388, 1392 (C.C.P.A. 1973).

Therefore, unless the Examiner is able to show where the above-cited limitations from

independent Claims 4, 17 and 29 are found in the cited references, taken alone or in combination

with each other, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 4, 17 and 29 must be considered

patentable over the cited references.

Claims 5-16 and 37-39 depend ultimately from claim 4 and include all the limitations of

claim 4 — making claims 5-16 and 37-39 patentable for at least the same reasons as set forth

above for claim 4.

Claims 18-28 and 40-42 depend ultimately from claim 17 and include all the limitations

of claim 17 — making claims 18-28 and 40-42 patentable for at least the same reasons as set

forth above for claim 17.

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Claims 30-36 and 43-45 depend ultimately from claim 29 and include all the limitations

of claim 29 — making claims 30-36 and 43-45 patentable for at least the same reasons as set

forth above for claim 29.

In view of the above Amendments and Remarks, Applicant requests reconsideration of

claims 4-45.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment

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fee for extension of time, which may be requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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